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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF NATO DEFENSE PROGRAMS WITH FRENCH

1. DASD GLITMAN MET WITH FRENCH COUNSELOR DEBELLESCIZE ON MAY 27 AT FRENCH REQUEST TO DISCUSS NATO SHORT AND LONG-RANGE DEFENSE PROGRAMS ADOPTED AT MAY DPC MEETING. GLITMAN EXPLAINED DIRECTION OF PROGRAMS AND OUTLINED US VIEW OF ACTIONS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THEM. COUNSELOR CONSIDERED PROGRAMS COMPREHENSIVE AND AGREED THAT FRANCE ALREADY PARTICIPATES IN SOME OF NINE LONG-RANGE PROGRAM AREAS (I.E. NADGE, INTEROPERABILITY AND CNAD).

2. GLITMAN NOTED THAT THE DOOR IS OPEN TO FRANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE DEFENSE INITIATIVES AND US WOULD WELCOME FRENCH VIEWS ON HOW THIS MIGHT BE ACHIEVED, POINTING OUT THAT ALL NATO ALLIES WOULD BE INTERESTED IN FRENCH PARTICIPATION. DEBELLESCIZE SAID HE WOULD SUBMIT REPORT TO PARIS, TO ENABLE GENERAL MARTRE, THE DELEGATE-GENERAL FOR ARMAMENTS, TO PROVIDE ANY FRENCH REACTIONS TO GENERAL BOWMAN AT THEIR JUNE 1 MEETING IN PARIS. VANCE

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